



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Manual pull stations in sprinklered buildings		
Code Section(s)	Section 1007.2.2.1, California Fire Code (1998 ed)		
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Does the exception listed in Section 1007.2.2.1 that eliminates the requirements for manual pull boxes in a fully sprinklered building apply to buildings with an occupant load of less than 1,000 and audible when visual notification appliances (horn/strobes) are used in lieu of a voice communication system using prerecorded announcements?

Yes. The exception in the California Fire Code would be an acceptable means to eliminate the manual pull boxes provided the sprinklers activate the prerecorded announcement upon water flow. However, Section 3-8.1.2 of NFPA 72 (1996 ed) requires at least one manual fire alarm box.